

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0046] with the following paragraph:

[0046] As further shown, the quick disconnect 26 also comprises a plug 80 disposed on a shoulder 81 formed within the socket fitting 44, between the distal internal bore 64 ~~[[62]]~~ and the proximal internal bore 66. The plug 80 is comprised of a nonconductive material such that if an object other than the pin fitting 40 with resilient fingers 54 were inadvertently inserted into the socket adapter 42, the plug 80 would inhibit electrical contact between the object and the socket fitting 44. Accordingly, the plug 80 reduces the risk of torch malfunction should an object other than the pin fitting 40 with the resilient fingers 54 be inserted into the socket adapter 42.